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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT PROPOSES HE TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON IN PLACE
OF PRESIDENT.

REF: NDJAMENA 2292; STATE 157286

I INFORMED VICE PRESIDENT OF CONTENTS OF REFERENCE TELEGRAM
THIS MORNING. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY PREPARED FOR SUCH A
RESPONSE AND UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION COMPLETELY. HOWEVER,
HE COUNTERED BY SUGGESTING THE HE GO TO WASHINGTON HIMSELF.
IN THIS WAY, PROTOCOL WOULD NOT BE INVOLVED AND AS HE COULD
BE VICE PRESIDENT, A MINISTER OF STATE, OR JUST A SOLDIER,
HE COULD SEE ANY LEVEL OF OFFICIALS WE SUGGEST. HE STATED
THAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP WAS TO AMKE CLEAR THE CHADIAN
GOVERNMENT' ASSESSMENT OF THE THREAT TO ALL AFRICA
POSED BY SOVIET SUPPORT OF LIBYAN AGGRESSION IN THE NORTH
(SEE 2292), AS WELL AS THE URGENCY OF CHAD'S
NEEDS IN MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

2.I BELIEVE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD OBVIOUSLY FEEL
RELIEVED IF TI COULD MAKE ITS CASE IN WASHINGTON IN THIS
MANNER. THERE WOULD BE NO COMMITMENT ON OUR PART
TO DO ANYTHING EXCEPT LISTEN. RECEPTION AT THE ASSISTANT
SECRETARY LEVEL AND BY SOMEONE FROM NSC AND PENTAGON

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WOULD BE ADEQUATE. VICE PRESIDENT IS A FINE MAN AND
WOULD BE EASY VISITOR TO HANDLE.

3. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, I RECOMMEND WE EXPEDITE
VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF VICE PRESIDENT DJIME. HE HAS
SUGGESTED ARRIVAL EARLY NEXT WEEK. PLEASE ADVISE. BRADFORD

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